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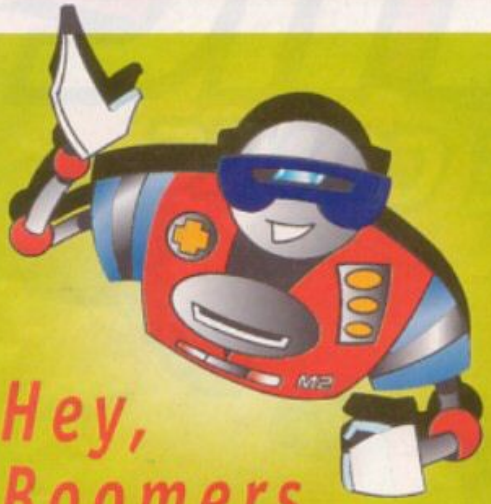


Hey, Boomers...

The burning question this issue is: will justice prevail? Sonic's on trial in part three of The Evil Empire, and things are not looking good as he's about to enter the Arena of Judgement. Tails uncovers a real mob-handed racket in the Casino Night Zone, and Chuck has teething trouble with a Demon Dentist in Decap Attack. Finally, despite hiding behind Amy and Tekno as temporary bodyguards, pop paragon Fabian Vane is in danger of getting his come-uppance in the conclusion to Star Struck.

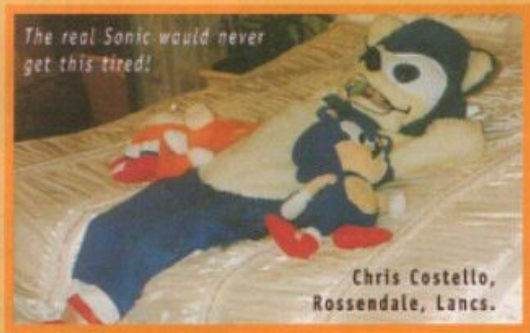
Incidentally, perhaps I should consider taking on a minder! After all, I am the most mega mega droid this side of the galaxy!

Megadroid

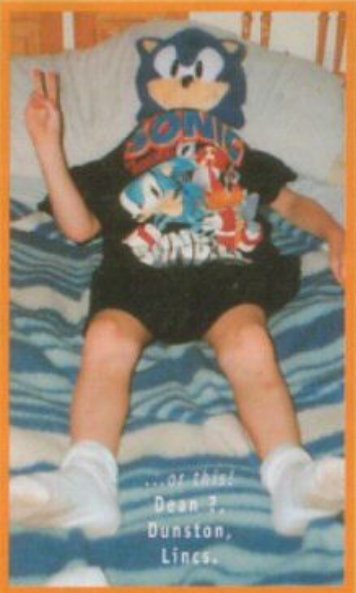
IMPRESSIVE IMPOSTORS!

Feast your optic circuits on the following photographic evidence, but be warned things are not quite what they seem!

Some of you have been snapped sporting the odd spike or two, but then, what else would you expect from such an imaginative bunch of Boomers!



Chris Costello, Rossendale, Lancs.



...or this! Dean ?, Dunston, Lincs.

Dread rehearsal! Lynne Triplett, Edinburgh, Scotland. MCD, MD, GG, 32X owner.

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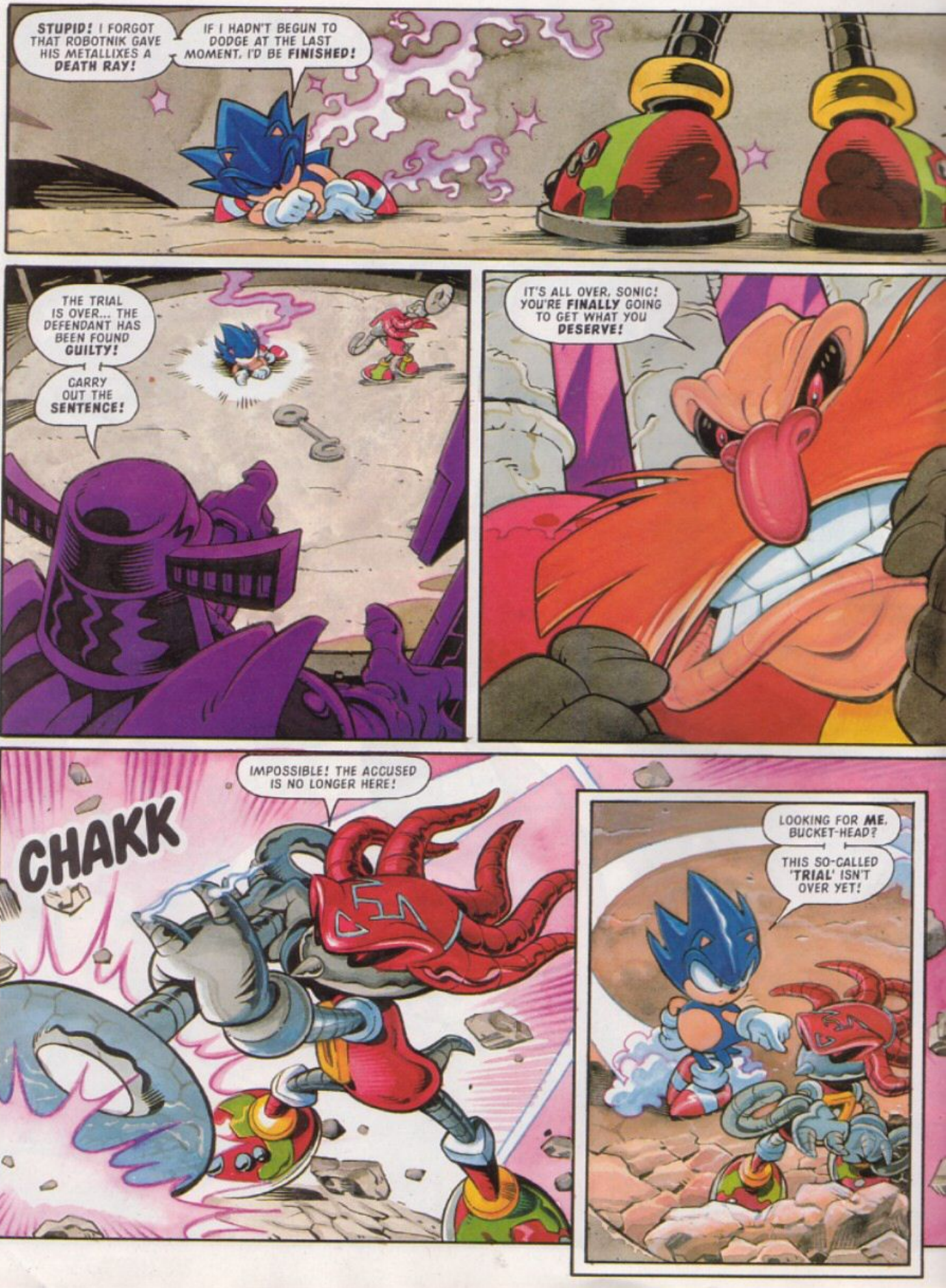
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
THE EVIL EMPIRE
Script: NIGEL KITCHING Art: RICHARD ELSON Lettering: TOM FRAME
Part 3
ON THE DRAKON HOMEWORLD, SONIC IS IN DEEP TROUBLE. . .
OPEN THE GATE, SENTINEL. IT IS TIME FOR THE ACCUSED TO ENTER THE ARENA OF JUDGEMENT!
PREPARE TO FACE YOUR TRIAL, SONIC – AND MAY JUSTICE PREVAIL!
SURE...
HOW DO I GET INTO THESE SITUATIONS?
THIS IS TERRIBLE! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING... BUT WHAT?

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, YOU ARE CHARGED WITH CRIMES AGAINST THE DRAKON EMPIRE... HOW DO YOU PLEAD?
OH, GET ON WITH IT!
I THINK WE CAN CONSIDER THAT A 'NOT GUILTY'!
SPLENDID! SPLENDID! I'D HATE SONIC TO MISS THE TRIAL! I DO SO ADMIRE THE DRAKON JUDICIAL SYSTEM!
EVEN IF I NEVER LEAVE THE DRAKON EMPIRE ALIVE, DON'T THINK YOU'VE WON, ROBOTNIK!
MOBIUS IS READY FOR YOU NOW... YOU'LL NEVER TAKE CONTROL AGAIN!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, SPIKE-BALL... I HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE MIGHTY DRAKON EMPIRE NOW!
NOTHING CAN STOP ME, NOTHING!
THAT IS TRUE MY DEAR ROBOTNIK... BUT DO NOT FORGET OUR BARGAIN!
WHEN THE TIME COMES, I WILL EXPECT YOU TO STICK TO YOUR SIDE OF THE AGREEMENT.
O...OF COURSE, EMPEROR!

BRING ON THE PROSECUTOR...
WOULD THE COURT PLEASE RECOGNISE METALLIX, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TEMPORARY PROSECUTOR FOR THE DURATION OF THIS TRIAL!
AND I CAN GUESS WHOSE IDEA THIS IS!
JUST TRYING TO OIL THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE, MY DEAR SONIC!
WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY BELIEVES THERE'S ANY JUSTICE IN TRIAL BY COMBAT?
A STRONG SOCIETY, SONIC!
LET THE TRIAL BEGIN!
WHAT? YOU WANT US TO USE WEAPONS?
TAKE IT, IT IS YOUR RIGHT AS THE ACCUSED!

UH-OH, HERE WE GO!
KRESSH
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE A LOT FASTER THAN THAT, PAL!
Y'KNOW METALLIX, YOUR NEW DESIGN IS NOWHERE NEAR AS COOL AS THE OLD BLUE MODEL!
I FIGURE YOU NEED AGILITY AND SPEED TO USE A WEAPON LIKE THIS PROPERLY!
AND WHEN IT COMES TO SPEED...
WELL, LET'S JUST SAY YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE MASTER!
GET THE PICTURE?
DOES THIS MEAN I WIN?
NO.
NO?

FA-ZAKKK!
NO!
AGGGGGGGH!


STUPID! I FORGOT THAT ROBOTNIK GAVE HIS METALLIXES A DEATH RAY!
IF I HADN'T BEGUN TO DODGE AT THE LAST MOMENT, I'D BE FINISHED!
THE TRIAL IS OVER... THE DEFENDANT HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY!
CARRY OUT THE SENTENCE!
IT'S ALL OVER, SONIC! YOU'RE FINALLY GOING TO GET WHAT YOU DESERVE!
CHAKK
IMPOSSIBLE! THE ACCUSED IS NO LONGER HERE!
LOOKING FOR ME, BUCKET-HEAD?
THIS SO-CALLED 'TRIAL' ISN'T OVER YET!

OUTSIDE THE ARENA, PUBLIC SCREENS BROADCAST THE TRIAL TO THE DRAKON CITIZENS.
SEE HOW HE FIGHTS BACK... PERHAPS THE DEFENDANT IS INNOCENT AFTER ALL?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT... THESE PEOPLE REALLY THINK THAT TRIAL BY COMBAT IS A FAIR SYSTEM!
NO, LOOK... THE PROSECUTOR PRESSES HIS CASE. I THINK THE VERDICT IS GOING TO BE GUILTY!
I... I DON'T THINK SONIC CAN TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS!
I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING... I'VE GOT TO HELP SONIC!
BUT HOW?
NEXT ISSUE: TAILS TO THE RESCUE?

TAILS

NEW COMPLETE STORY!

THE UNBRUSHABLES

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: NIGEL DOBBYN Lettering: ELLIE de'VILLE

"THE NAME'S PROWER. MILES PROWER. ALTHOUGH MOST FOLK CALL ME TAILS. NO PRIZES FOR GUESSING WHY.
"I WAS SPENDING SOME TIME IN THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE FOR SOME REST AND RELAXATION. SOMETHING TOLD ME I WASN'T GONNA GET IT!"
GET OUTTA THE WAY, FOX! DUH-HA-HA!
VVUMMMM!
UUHHH...!
NEED SOME HELP, BUDDY? WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT HAPPENS TO EVERY RESIDENT WHO CAN'T PAY PROTECTION MONEY! THEY TRASHED MY SHOP!
PROTECTION MONEY! WHO'S BEHIND THIS?

THEY'RE RUNNING THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE NOW! MAX GAMBLE'S MOB!
I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED!
"MAX GAMBLE! A GUY WHO LOOKS IN THE MIRROR WITH HIS EYES CLOSED SO HE WON'T SCARE HIMSELF! THE NASTIEST DUDE THIS SIDE OF ROBOTNIK!"
HEH-HEH! WE SURE DID GOOD TODAY, BOSS!
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE BROUGHT ME!
DA GUY SAID HE HAD NO MONEY, SO WE TOOK WHAT HE OWNED! GOOD HUH, BOSS?
YOU MAROONS! THIS IS NO GOOD TO ME!
I WANT CASH, YOU UNDERSTAND? PUT THE SQUEEZE ON THE PEOPLE AND SCRAM...NOW!
O-OKAY, BOSS!
WHAT-EVER YUH SAY, MISTER GAMBLE!
"THE MOB HAD MADE THE CITIZENS JUMPIER THAN FROGS ON A TRAMPOLINE! THEY NEEDED HELP, AND FAST!"
YOU CAN'T LET GANGSTERS RUIN YOUR LIVES! YOU SHOULD FIGHT BACK!
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY! YOU DON'T LIVE HERE!

IF WE TOOK YOUR ATTITUDE, WE'D NEVER HAVE BEATEN ROBOTNIK!
TAILS IS RIGHT! THOSE CREEPS HAVE BULLIED US FOR LONG ENOUGH!
WE'LL SHOW THOSE CROOKS THEY CAN'T GIVE US THE BRUSH OFF!
RIGHT ON!
FORGET IT, LOSERS! THE STREETS BELONG TO US NOW!
CLEAN AWAY
SO, MAYBE IT'S TIME WE CLEANED THE STREETS!
COOL OFF, BOZOS!
YAAKK! I HATE BATHS!
WHOOSH

GOOD WORK! NOW IT'S TIME FOR A SHOWDOWN WITH MISTER BIG!
"MAX GAMBLE WAS 'MISTER BIG', BUT I SOON FOUND OUT THERE WAS AN EVEN MISTER BIGGER!"
GAMBLE TO ROBOTNIK! ARE YOU RECEIVING?
GAMBLE! WHERE'S THE MONEY YOU PROMISED ME?
I'M EXPECTING A DELIVERY SOON, MASTER!
GOOD! WITH THE REVENUE YOUR MOB STEALS, I WILL SECRETLY FINANCE A NEW ARMY OF ROBOT TROOPERS! YOU WILL BE REWARDED WHEN I RETURN TO POWER, GAMBLE!
YOU'RE A VERY NATURAL ACTOR, GAMBLE!
TAILS! GIMME THAT!
IS THIS PUNK GIVIN' YOU TROUBLE, BOSS?
GRAB HIM, BOYS!

YOU MAY WANT TO LOOK AT THAT TAPE BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING DRASTIC, CREEP!
MAYBE WE WILL, SHORT-STUFF!
HEH! N-NO! DON'T!
...WHEN I RETURN TO POWER...
HEY! WHAT IS THIS?
WE DON'T WANT ROBOTNIK BACK! HE'LL TURN US INTO BADNIKS!
"GAMBLE AND THE MOB CAME TO AN ARRANGEMENT ALL RIGHT, BUT IT WASN'T WHAT LIZARD-LIPS WAS EXPECTING..."
YOU DOUBLE-CROSSIN' LIZARD! WHY, I OUGHTTA...!
ULP! C-CAN'T WE COME TO SOME ARRANGE-MENT?
PAY BACK WHAT YOU GOT US TO STEAL, GAMBLE, OR YOU'LL NEED PROTECTION FROM US!
BAH!
"...AND I HAD A HUNCH THE PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE WORRYING ABOUT THE MOB ANYMORE. IN FACT, THEY'D TURNED INTO A REAL BUNCH OF DRIPS!"
Mercy!
THE END

NEXT ISSUE: HERO OF THE BEACH!

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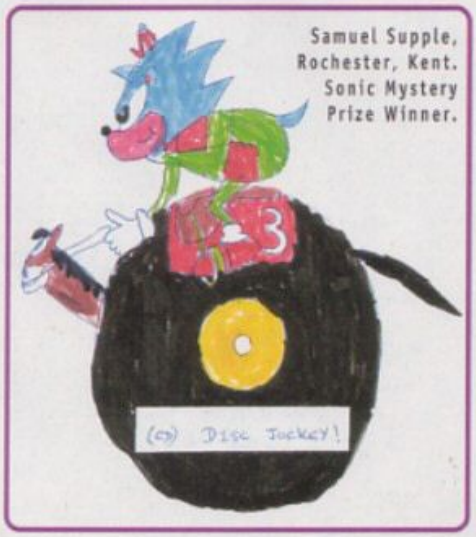
OUT OF AFRICA!

Dear *STC*,

Unfortunately, I do not get enough of Sonic's comics (I live at the astronomical observatory in South Africa). I saw the Sonic cartoon on TV, but as it was in an African language, I did not understand what was being said, although it was still fun to watch! Anyway, what I would like to know is how Sonic turned blue?

Eric Fourie, Sutherland, South Africa.
Sonic Mystery Prize Winner.

Well, Eric, the story goes like this... the first time Sonic ran at the speed of sound, his quills and body became tempered blue-hot from the supersonic shock waves, and changed from brown to permanently blue (see STC 8 for the full background).



Samuel Supple, Rochester, Kent. Sonic Mystery Prize Winner.

William Preston, London. Sonic Mystery Prize Winner.

QUICK HUMOUR!

Dear *STC*,

Q: Why is it that Sonic's speed increases when he has a cold?
A: Because his nose runs and his pulse races!

William Martin, Wemmel, Belgium.
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POST-HASTE!

Dear *STC*,

For the past few months I have been sending issues of your comic to my friend's son who lives in Stoney Creek, Canada. Although there is a Sonic comic available in Canada, Deryk says that he prefers your version which is "far superior."

Mr P Singleton, Tranmere, Wirral, Merseyside.
Sonic Mystery Prize Winner.

Well, you know what they say, Mr P., all good things come in small packages! However, the Subscription page on the inside back cover could be of interest?

Decap Attack

THE TOOTH

NEW COMPLETE STORY!

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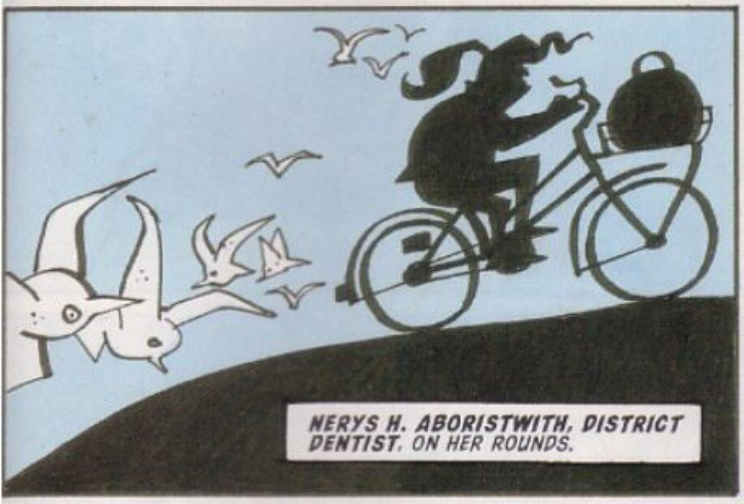
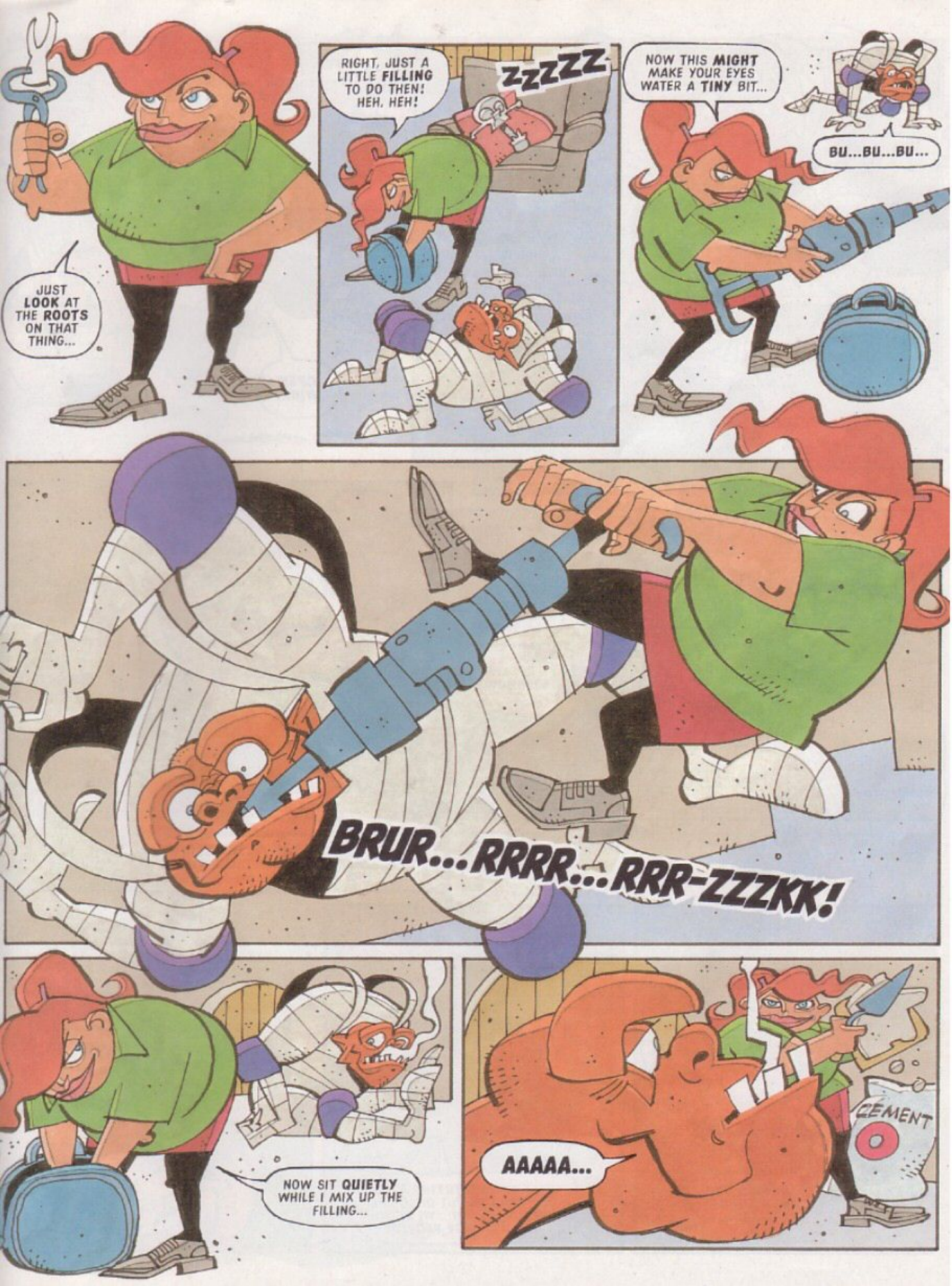
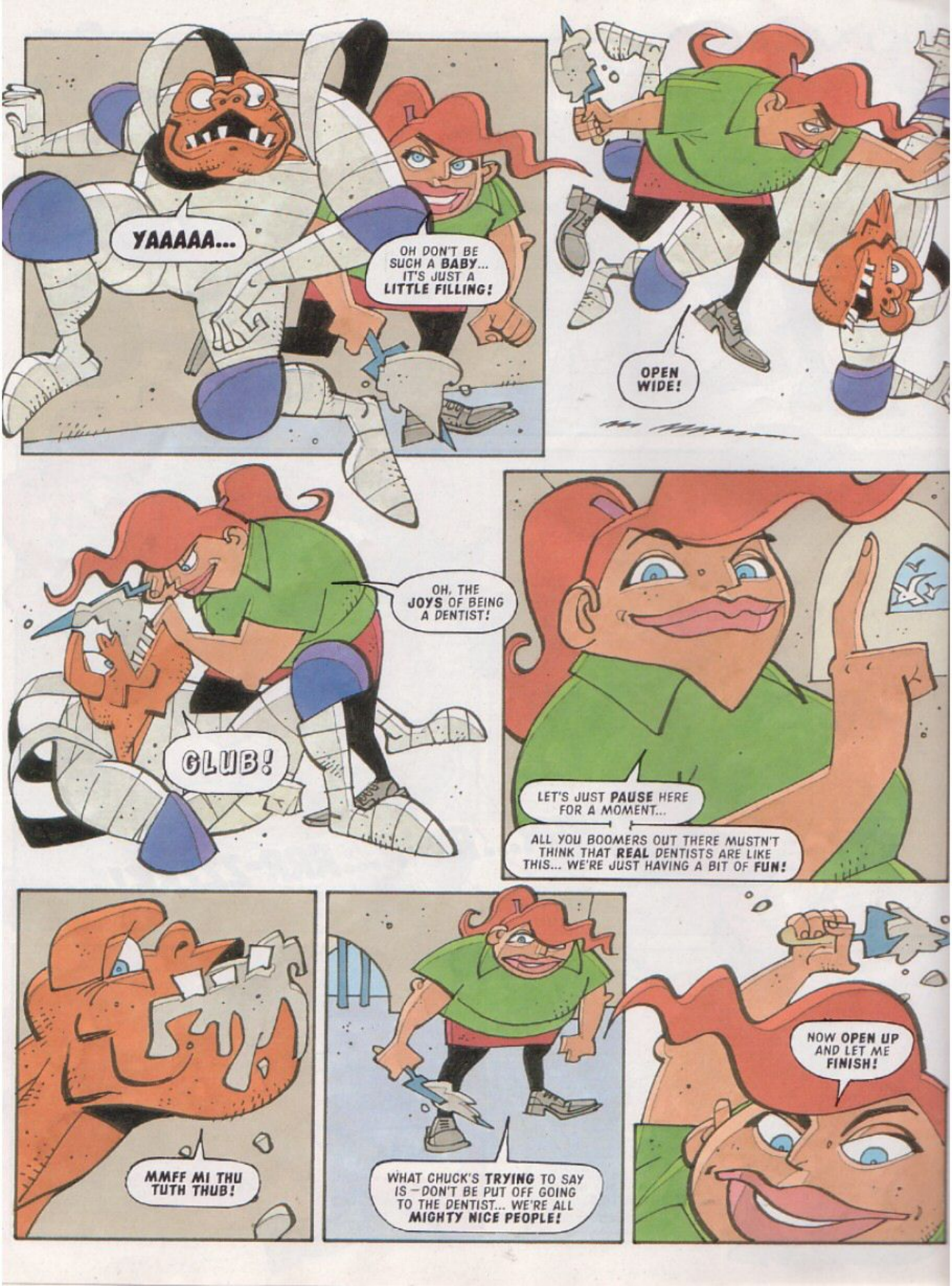


SIT DOWN! OPEN WIDE! THIS WON'T HURT A BIT!
I DON'T KNOW WHY I SAY THAT, ACTUALLY... IT HURTS LIKE THE DICKENS!
NI...NI...NI...
STUBBORN LITTLE BLIGHTER!
PING!


JUST LOOK AT THE ROOTS ON THAT THING...
RIGHT, JUST A LITTLE FILLING TO DO THEN! HEH, HEH!
ZZZZZ
NOW THIS MIGHT MAKE YOUR EYES WATER A TINY BIT...
BU...BU...BU...
BRUR...RRRR...RRR-ZZZKK!
NOW SIT QUIETLY WHILE I MIX UP THE FILLING...
AAAAA...
CEMENT


YAAAAA...
OH DON'T BE SUCH A BABY... IT'S JUST A LITTLE FILLING!
OPEN WIDE!
OH, THE JOYS OF BEING A DENTIST!
GLUB!
LET'S JUST PAUSE HERE FOR A MOMENT...
ALL YOU BOOMERS OUT THERE MUSTN'T THINK THAT REAL DENTISTS ARE LIKE THIS... WE'RE JUST HAVING A BIT OF FUN!
MMFF MI THU TUTH THUB!
WHAT CHUCK'S TRYING TO SAY IS — DON'T BE PUT OFF GOING TO THE DENTIST... WE'RE ALL MIGHTY NICE PEOPLE!
NOW OPEN UP AND LET ME FINISH!

VOT IST GOING ON? VOT IST ALL DER COMMOTION?
ZZZZZZZ
WHO ARE YOU?
MINE DEAR VOMAN. I AM DER FAMOUS PROFESSOR FRANK N STEIN!
FRANK N STEIN? I THOUGHT THIS WAS OLD LORD WOBBLEBURY'S PLACE?
NEIN, NEIN! HE LIVES IN DER NEXT VALLEY!
OH! RIGHT I'D BETTER BE OFF THEN!
OOOH! I'VE GOT A TERRIBLE TOOTHACHE!
NEXT ISSUE: THE MALTESE BUDGIE

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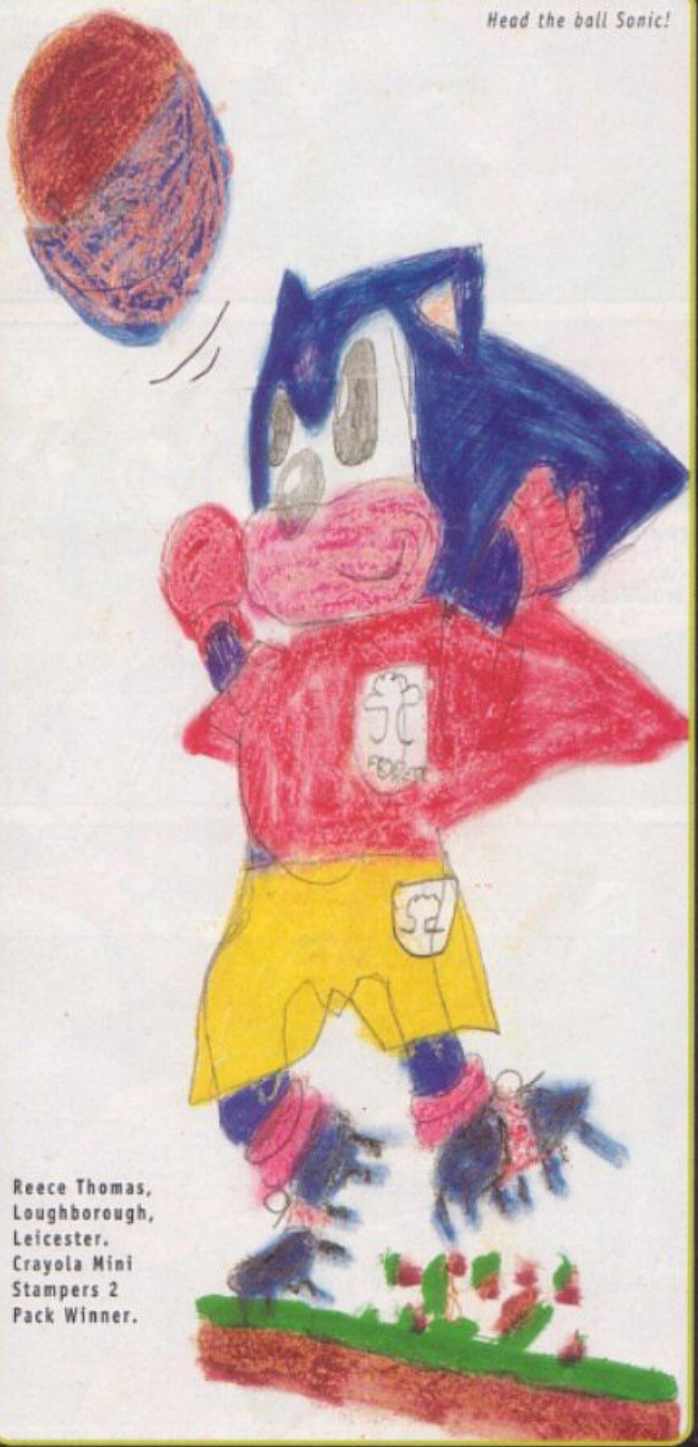

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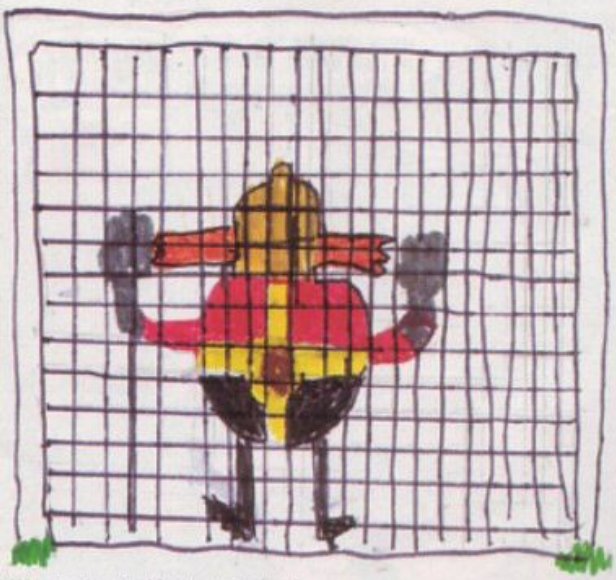
Best foot forward!

Keeping up with Robotnik!



Philip Derby, Belfast, N Ireland.
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Thumbs up for STC!

Yvonne Mitchell, Canterbury, Kent.
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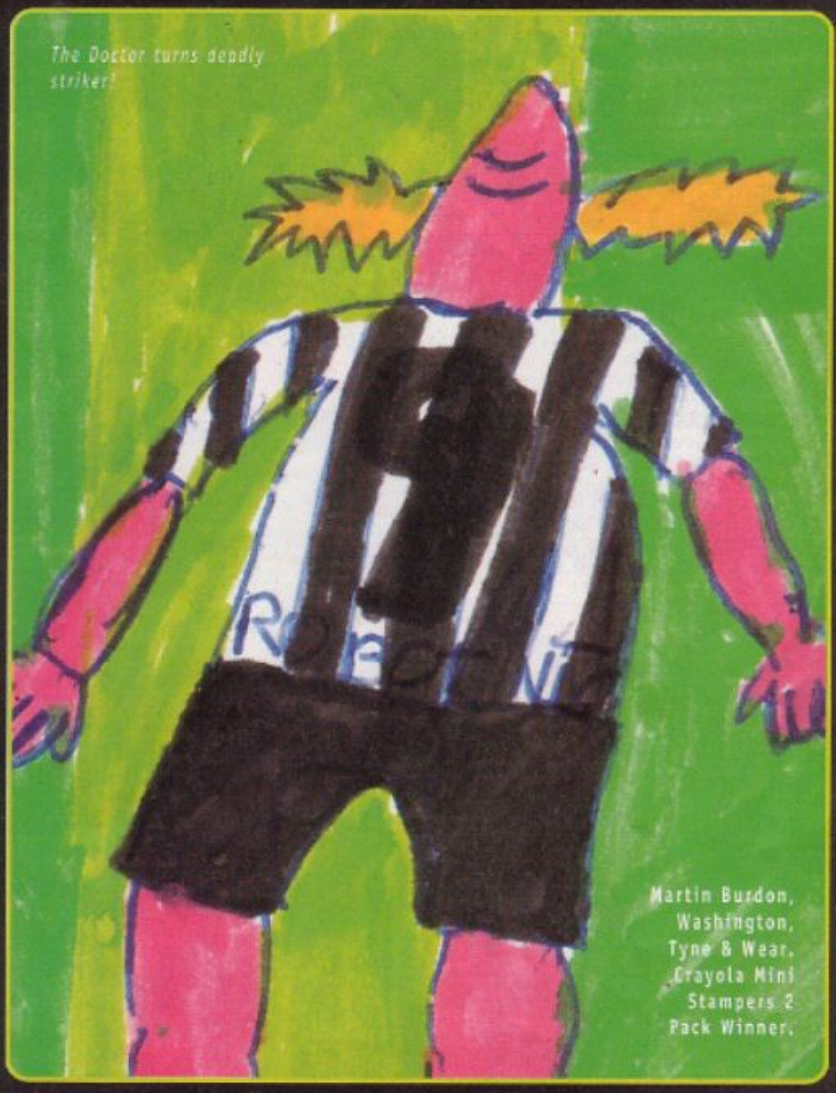
The Doctor turns deadly striker!



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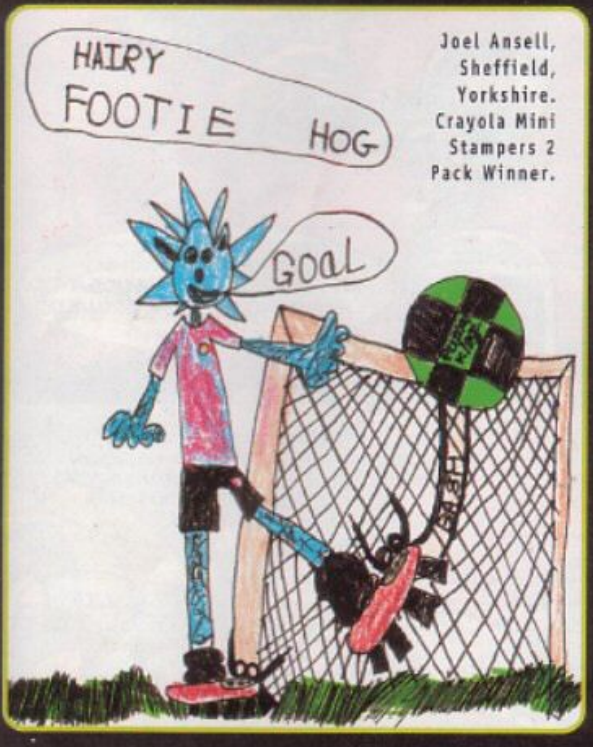

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AMY Star Struck Part 2

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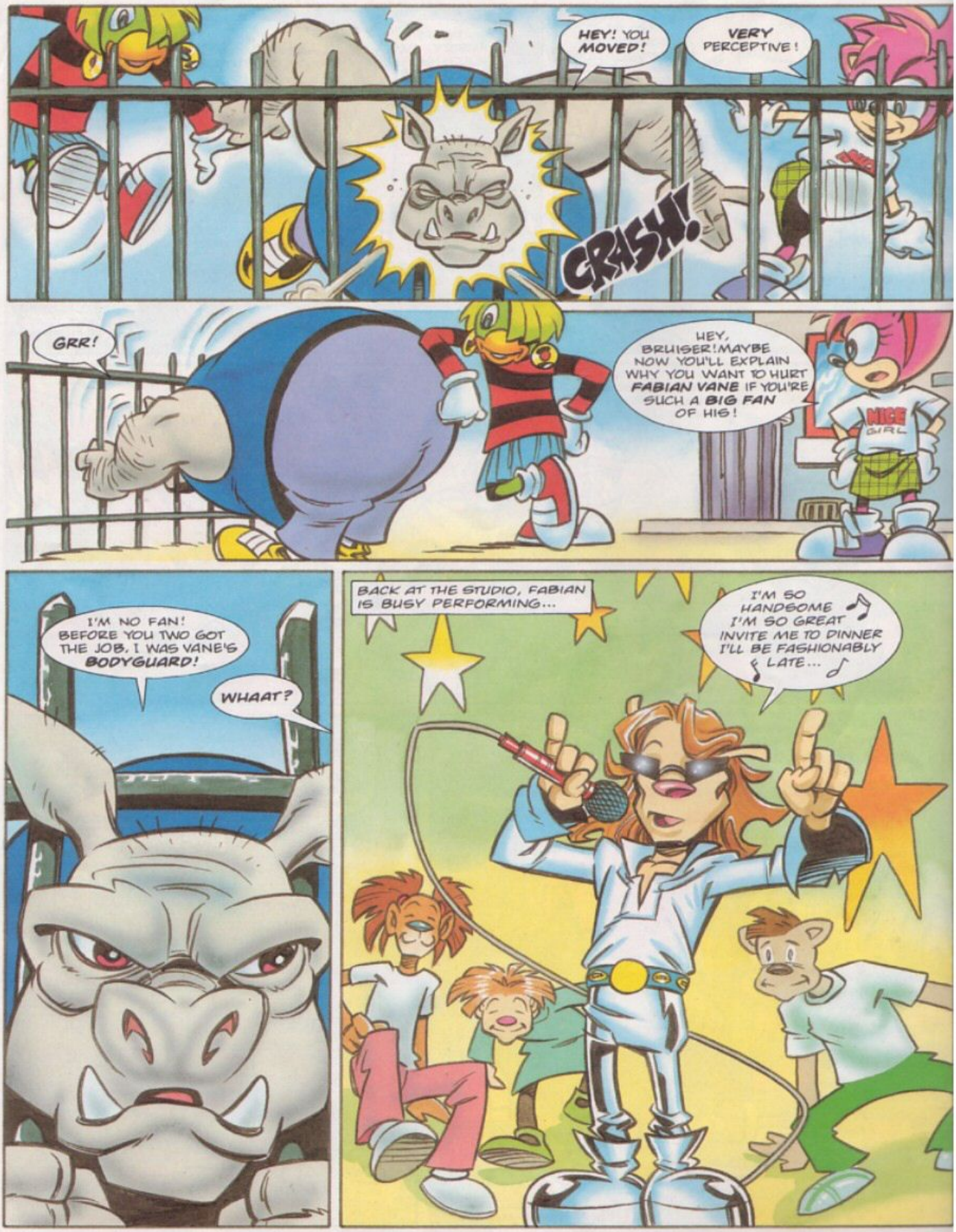
AFTER SAVING CHART TOPPER FABIAN VANE FROM DANGER, AMY AND TEKNO ARE WORKING AS HIS BODY-GUARDS. NOW, AS FABIAN PREPARES FOR A LIVE TV PHONE-IN.
YAYYY!... AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S SPECIAL GUEST... THE FANTASTIC FABIAN VANE!
AHEM. I PREFER TO THINK OF MYSELF AS A MEGA-FANTASTIC GUEST, ACTUALLY, CHLOË!

AMY AND TEKNO WATCH FROM BEHIND THE SCENES...
GROAN! HE'S SUCH A POSEUR!
YEAH, BUT WE DID PROMISE TO PROTECT HIM FROM ANY FANS WHO GO OVER THE TOP!
NICE GIRL

OUR FIRST CALLER IS BRUISER MAGOON ON LINE ONE! DO YOU WANT TO ASK FABIAN ABOUT HIS NEW RELEASE?
NO! I WANNA PULL HIS HEAD OFF!
ULP!

I'M COMIN' FOR YOU, VANE! YOU HEAR ME?
HELP! WHERE'S MY BODYGUARDS?
DON'T WORRY, I'M TRACING THE CALL... YES! GOT IT!
IT'S HANDY HAVING A COMPUTER GENIUS ABOARD!
PING!
ER... PERHAPS WE'LL FORGET ABOUT THE CALLS AND JUST LET YOU SING, FABIAN!
YO! THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK!
MY CUE TO LEAVE!
THE CALL WAS MADE FROM THIS BUILDING!
SPOT ON, TEKNO... IT'S THE GUY WHO ATTACKED VANE AT THE CONCERT!*
*LAST ISSUE - Megadroid.
BRUISER MAGOON, I PRESUME?
STEP ASIDE, GIRLS! I'M GONNA GET VANE AN' YOU TWO AIN'T GONNA STOP ME!


HEY! YOU MOVED!
VERY PERCEPTIVE!
CRASH!
GRR!
HEY, BRUISER! MAYBE NOW YOU'LL EXPLAIN WHY YOU WANT TO HURT FABIAN VANE IF YOU'RE SUCH A BIG FAN OF HIS!
NICE GIRL
I'M NO FAN! BEFORE YOU TWO GOT THE JOB, I WAS VANE'S BODYGUARD!
WHAAT?
BACK AT THE STUDIO, FABIAN IS BUSY PERFORMING...
I'M SO HANDSOME I'M SO GREAT INVITE ME TO DINNER I'LL BE FASHIONABLY LATE...

SUDDENLY...
SHOW'S OVER, VANE!
YEEK! AMY! TEKNO! MOVE IT!
YOU CALLED?
NICE GIRL
KEEP THOSE CRAZY FANS BACK WHILE I GET OUTTA HERE!
YOU'RE GOING NOWHERE, CREEP!
YOU CAN'T SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT!
WHY NOT?
BRUISER MAGOON TOLD US HOW HE AND THE OTHERS ARE ONLY AFTER YOU BECAUSE YOU OWE THEM BIG MONEY!
NICE GIRL
YOU OWE ME ROYALTIES... I WROTE YOUR SONGS!
YEAH! I BUILT YOUR SHOES!
VANE LOOKED LIKE THIS BEFORE I PERFORMED PLASTIC SURGERY!
...AND NO PAYMENT, NO WIG!
ULP!

PAY THEM THEIR DUES, VANE! WE'RE NOT PROTECTING A PHONEY!
OH, MY POOR WALLET!
I DON'T CARE! I'M STILL A SUPERSTAR! MY FANS WILL STILL BUY MY RECORDS!
GET REAL, BIG HEAD! PETER ANDROID IS THE HOT FAVOURITE NOW! YOU'RE YESTERDAY'S NEWS!
THAT'S SHOWBIZ, FABIAN!
NICE GIRL
MONTHS LATER...
YO, FANS! I'VE GOT SOME GREAT SONGS FOR YOU TONIGHT, SO LET'S ROCK!
BOO! GET ON WITH IT AND CUT THE CHAT! JUST PLAY SOMETHING DECENT!
SIGH. WHAT A COMEDOWN!
BIRDY SONG
The End

NEXT ISSUE: SPACED OUT

NEXT ISSUE...

ALL AT SEA?

EVIL EMPIRE CONTINUES

3 NEW STORIES

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